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1. ACCORDING NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR ON RECENT VISIT HERE GOVERNOR OF NORTHEASTERN PROVINCE OF NIGERIA HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN RESOLVING PROBLEM

NIGERIAN RESIDENTS IN SUDAN. MEETING WITH NIMEIRI WAS PRO FORMA, BUT SUBSEQUENT SESSION WITH VP/MININT BAGHIR PRODUCED UNDERSTANDING ON FOLLOWING:

(A) SOME 1200 PUTATIVE NIGERIANS BEING DETAINED HERE WILL BE RELEASED TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN GROUPS OF 50 FOR DOCUMENTATION AND RETURN NIGERIA; THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE REPATRIATION WILL BE DEALT WITH BY SUDANESE;

(B) GOS WILL CONSIDER HANDLING PAPERWORK FOR NIGERIAN PILGRIMS, THUS MAKING THEIR PRESENCE SUDAN IN A SENSE SUDANESE, RATHER THAN NIGERIAN, RESPONSIBILITY; AND

(C) TALKS WILL BE RESUMED ON DOCUMENTATION NIGERIAN RESIDENTS HERE.

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2. COMMENT. SINCE ITEM (C) WAS THORNY ISSUE WHICH CREATED

PROBLEM IN FIRST PLACE, FOREGOING HARDLY MEANS THAT DIFFICULTIES
HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. BUT IT DOES APPEAR THAT SOME FRAMEWORK
HAS BEEN WORKED OUT WITHIN WHICH SETTLEMENT SPECIFIC ISSUES
SHOULD BE FACILITATED.
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